

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Inspector General

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December 13, 2007

The Honorable Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2nd Floor, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Fenty:

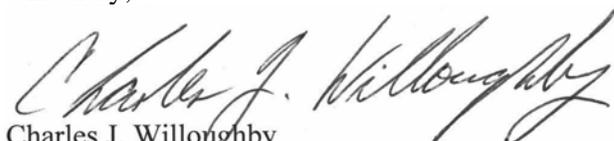
This report is to inform you of an investigation conducted by Special Agent Lloyd V. Hodge of this Office, concerning Sandy D. Jones, a former District of Columbia Public Schools employee.

The investigation revealed that Ms. Jones served as business manager of the Moten Center Special Education School (Moten Center) and was responsible for documenting income, expenses, and reconciling all accounting records. The Moten Center maintained a chess club, and raised private funds so that the chess club could pay the expenses necessary to compete in the National Elementary School Chess Tournament, which was to take place in Nashville, Tennessee from May 8, 2003, through May 11, 2003. The chess club received approximately \$70,000 in private donations, which were deposited into accounts at SunTrust Bank. Ms. Jones was one of three signatories on the Moten Center SunTrust Bank accounts. From May 2003 through November 2003, Ms. Jones stole approximately \$30,000 from the chess club's bank accounts by forging checks and withdrawal slips and using the Moten Center debit card.

On November 28, 2007, Ms. Jones pled guilty to first-degree fraud, and faces a penalty of up to 10 years of imprisonment when sentenced by United States District Judge Richard W. Roberts on February 8, 2008.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Leonard C. Odom, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-2540. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2005-0334.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Willoughby
Inspector General

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